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Title: COLD WEATHER TRAINING

Operation/Exercise Name: FORT A.P. HILL

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

During the Fort A.P. Hill deployment, Company E received cold weather training.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

The Virginia winter environment provided an excellent opportunity for Marines to gain experience in a cold weather environment. The climate and precipitation afforded the Marines an opportunity to understand the effects of the elements.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

The value of cold-weather training for MEU(SOC) units is often neglected. Depending on the time of year, A.P. Hill can provide excellent opportunities to utilize cold weather equipment and test combat equipment in a cold weather environment.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

De-emphasize indoor activities and maximize field training evolutions.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

Although it is the most convenient time for classroom instruction (i.e. the entire MEU is co-located), it is preferable to conduct classroom instruction at Camp Lejeune, and maximize field training at A.P. Hill. In particular, the cold climate provided a unique training opportunity for the Marines.
